

FEATHERWEIGHT NEWSBOY KNOCKS OUT TOM SHARKEY

Pugilist Dares All Comers to Fight and Is Put to Sleep by 120-Pounder.

IN A REAL RING, TOO.

Former Championship Contender Misses Two Swings, Then Goes Down.

Tom Sharkey, former contender for the heavyweight championship of the world, was knocked out early today by a featherweight newsboy. One of the spectators declared it was David and Goliath over again. Whether there will be a return bout has not yet been settled. Sharkey is said to be anxious for it.

After religiously sticking all night to the regime of mineral waters his doctors have prescribed for him, Sharkey was in that reminiscent mood which his diet of aerated water always puts him in. To the guests in the rear room of his booze emporium at No. 14 East Fourteenth street he talked of the difference between the tattoo marks he got when a sailor and the decorations he acquired in the ring.

DAVID DARES GOLIATH TO FIGHT, NOT TALK.

Suddenly Tom slapped his 225 pounds of well-pounded flesh and declared he could still lick any man on Fourteenth street and looked around for some one to dare deny it.

"You big boob, you couldn't lick anybody, not even a kid, and you know it," piped a thin voice, and a solemn silence fell as Sharkey glared around for its owner.

The speaker was George Davis of No. 22 West One Hundred and First street, who is known as "Yellow," the Newsboy, a little fellow not 130 pounds in weight. Sharkey looked at him and started to move the furniture out of the way.

"Not in here, on your life," sang out "Yellow's" shrill voice; "but you come out into the street and I'll hit holes in your big carcass you could creep through."

When a ring had been improvised on the sidewalk, and Dominic Roff of No. 22 East Twelfth street, who is manager for Kid Goodman, lightweight champion of the west side, had introduced the big and the little man as two boys who would show the club some sport, the crowd waited breathlessly and wondered which hospital "Yellow" would have to be taken to.

SHARKEY MAKES TWO VAIN SWINGS, THEN GOES OUT.

Sharkey made two swings. If either had caught "Yellow" he would never have been at more expense for late suppers. But "Yellow" ducked, and as he missed Tom's fist he landed on the

big man's belt, and the former champion bit the grit with a maul.

Johnnie Kelly of No. 77 Third avenue was holding the bell as Roff began the count. At the "four" Kelly sounded the bell and Tom was lifted to a corner and fanned with the napkin of one of the waiters. But it was a "knockout" all right, and somebody threw the napkin into the ring as the white flag of surrender.

By the time Patrolmen Lawlor and Lillis, on post a few yards away, reached the spot, the ring had disappeared, so had "Yellow," and the ex-champion had been assisted back into his cafe.

"He used foul tactics," cried Tom when he had breath enough. "Lead me to him, I want only one more chance at him." But David could not be found. "Dog" Ryan, who lives at the Central Hotel, leaned over Goliath and offered to be matchmaker for a return bout. "Get!" said Tom, and he closed up.

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